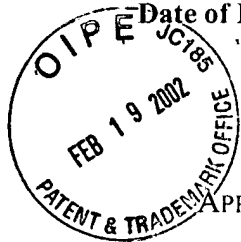


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PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. 23135-502 (NOV-2)



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APPLICANTS: Conrad *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/490,700 EXAMINER: Natalie A. Davis
FILING DATE: January 24, 2000 ART UNIT: 1642
FOR: METHODS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF AUTOIMMUNE
DISEASE, SUCH AS INSULIN DEPENDENT DIABETES MELLITUS,
INVOLVING RETROVIRAL SUPERANTIGENS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two (2)-month extension of time to respond to the November 16, 2001, Notice to Comply in the above-identified application. With the extension, this response is due on or before February 19, 2002, because of the federal holiday. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$200.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-502 (NOV-2).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-502 (NOV-2). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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